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In re Application of
Sunil Tomar et al
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES
FOR SERIAL TRANSFER OF SONET
FRAMED DATA BETWEEN
COMPONENTS OF A SONET SYSTEM

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: **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**
: **DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF**
: **INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER**
: **37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT**

Papers filed on March 22, 2002 in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," mailed November 5, 2001, included a Declaration signed by previously nonsigning inventor Srinivasarao Neelamraju in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2633 for examination in due course.

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